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It is reported that a Gage street woman who was ill Sunday asked her husband to get dinner for the children, but when it was ready it proved to be supper for it was bedtime directly after.

Vermont towns, with a few cases of small pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever thick they are in trouble, but it isn't much compared with Butler, Pa., a town about the size of Rutland, which has had 1200 cases of typhoid fever and scores of deaths during the past few weeks.

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HORSES FOR WAR.

General W. H. Carter Investigating the British Remount System.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—General William H. Carter of the United States army, who has been investigating the remount system of the British army with a view to reporting to the general staff of the United States army, had a farewell interview with War Secretary H. O. Arnold-Forster here and leaves England today for the Transvaal.

At Aldershot a squadron of the celebrated Fourteenth Hussars and a battery of the horse artillery were specially paraded for General Carter, who highly praises these organizations and particularly their horses. The general thinks the excellence of the British cavalry and horse artillery is due to their system of supplying remounts and to the efficiency of the corps of riding masters.

Burglars Fire on Police Patrol. HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 14.—Three burglars, after making an unsuccessful attempt to blow open a safe at Charles P. Boynton's grocery store at Groveland, during which they fired upon a tenant by whom they were detected, crossed the river to this city and engaged in a running fight with local officers, who had been notified. The men attempted to hold up a patrolman as they entered the city. He fired upon them, and other officers coming to his assistance, a lively exchange of shots followed. Some twenty shots were fired, the burglars slowly retreating. Apparently none of the shots took effect. The men are thought to be those who recently operated at Merrimac, Lynn, Danvers and Salem.

Found His Son's Dead Body.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—In quest of pigeons among the steel rafters of the Washington bridge, Richard Dugan, seventeen years old, fell from a ladder in a tower on the Manhattan side of the bridge into a pool of water seventy-five feet below and was instantly killed. Half an hour later a patrol wagon from the police station was sent to bring the body to the station. A tall, sturdy policeman who acts as driver of the wagon crawled to the foot of the hill beneath the bridge with a stretcher. He was Patrick Dugan, the dead boy's father. No one told him who the lad was that he found lying there on the grass covered with a blanket. No one knew.

Burned Cable Stops All Circuits.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 14.—A trunk line cable containing sixty wires of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company was burned by contact with an underground electric feed wire in Chadwick square here. Several feet of the cable was melted and all telephone communication with the north end of Worcester and northern Worcester county, including a service containing 120 private telephones, put out of use. A fire alarm circuit covering the same section of Worcester, fifteen boxes in all, with territory including many square miles, was totally interrupted. Firemen were detailed to patrol the north end of the city all night.

Three Killed in Wreck Near Albion.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 14.—Five persons were killed and ten injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road three miles west of Albion. The westbound passenger train was in some manner derailed while running on to the Cedar Creek bridge, and five cars were wrecked by colliding with the steel girders of the bridge. The wreckage immediately took fire, and several of the victims were badly burned.

Condemned Man Shamed Insanity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Trapped by a commission of clever alienists into a confession that he had been shamming insanity for a year and a half, William H. Ennis, the former Brooklyn policeman who killed his wife and shot his mother-in-law, has made a full and complete admission of his guilt and the premeditation of the crime, for which he will die in the electric chair today.

Indiana's Wealthiest Man Dead.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 14.—Judge James Cheney, said to be the wealthiest man in Indiana, is dead here. He was born in Vermont in 1817. He settled at Adrian, Mich., in 1852 and by trading accumulated a fortune prior to the panic of 1873. He assisted in constructing the Wabash and Erie canal and moved to DePue, O. His fortune is estimated at \$25,000,000.

Russo-Japanese Rapprochement.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Tokyo correspondent of the Times says it is generally believed that the reply of the Russian government to the proposals of Japan concerning the far eastern situation makes for a rapprochement between Russia and Japan.

American Bacon and Oil Burn.

METZ, Alsace-Lorraine, Dec. 14.—Several wagon loads of American bacon and a quantity of oil were destroyed in a fire at the customs shed of the railway station here. The damage is estimated at \$500,000.

Omaha Flour Mill Burned.

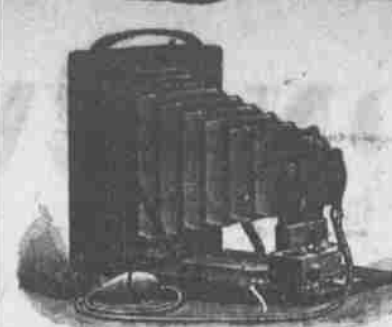
OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 14.—The flour mill located at Thirtieth and Lake streets and owned by the Model Milling company was burned last night; loss, \$50,000.

British Columbia Sealers Perish.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 14.—The Japanese sealing schooner Selkutu Maru has been lost with all hands. She carried five British Columbia sealers on board.

Brooklyn Leaves Beirut.

PORT SAID, Dec. 14.—The United States cruiser Brooklyn will leave Beirut today for Alexandria.



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THE WAGE QUESTION

United States Commissioner Wright's Co-operative Ideas.

PRESENT SYSTEM WILL PASS AWAY

Co-operation Will Take Its Place. Labor Question Means the Struggle of Humanity For Higher Standard of Life.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—"The wage system will pass away. In its stead, I believe, there will come a system which will be composed of the profit sharing and the co-operation ideas. The great labor question means the struggle of humanity for a higher standard of life. The employer must consider his employee as well as the stockholder as an investor."

These words were contained in an address upon "The Wage Question," made by Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, before the Society of Ethical Culture of this city.

Of scarcely less interest than his prediction of a new labor system was Colonel Wright's approval of a plan to insure labor against incapacity resulting from accident, illness or advancing age. The German idea was quoted, under which the employer pays one-fourth the cost of a sick and death benefit policy, the employee one-fourth and the government one-half.

"England," said Colonel Wright, "has taken up this system, and we of the United States are steadily approaching it."

Continuing, Colonel Wright said: "Capital charges to the consumer the depreciation of property and machinery. Why should not the depreciation of labor machinery—its hands, its brains, its body—be included in the final cost?"

"We see in every progressive community that the demand of the workingmen is no longer for a wage sufficient to enable him to keep body and soul together."

"Labor has been taught to feel that it is a social as well as an economic power in the community, and this educating process has gone on until the demand for labor is for a reasonable margin beyond that fixed by the iron law of wages."

"The wage system will pass away. It is, as has been shown, unsatisfactory in many of its applications. It depends too largely for its equities upon the generosity and great mindedness of employers. That there are many such who would scorn to influence the votes or actions of their employees and who would be incapable of taking petty or great advantage of their workmen is happily true. That there are others, however, who make use of their opportunities proves the weakness of the system and argues for a greater measure of independence for those who labor."

"The system that will take the place of that under which mere wages are paid probably will be composed of the profit sharing and co-operation plans. The work people will then acquire the interest of investors, the more capable will rise to their opportunities, and the less worthy will find their level."

Bryan at the Vatican.

ROME, Dec. 14.—William Jennings Bryan, accompanied by his son, has been received in private audience by the pope. Mr. Bryan was presented by Mr. Kennedy, rector of the American college, who acted as interpreter. His holiness spoke with great interest of the Catholics in the United States. After the audience Mr. Bryan expressed himself as highly pleased with the pope's kindly face and bearing. Before going to the Vatican Mr. Bryan visited several of the interesting sights of Rome, including the Coliseum and the Roman forum. He took particular interest in the spot from which Cleopatra hurled her invectives against Cato. Later Mr. Bryan lunched with Ambassador Meyer.

Senator Farris' Case.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 14.—The case of Senator Farris on the charge of accepting a bribe of \$1,000 from D. J. Kelley for his vote to defeat the passage of the alum baking powder bill in the legislature of Missouri of 1901 comes up in the circuit court today for retrial. The former trial two months ago resulted in a hung jury. Attorney General Crow, who has been ill in St. Louis, will take charge of the prosecution.

Cause of Chicago Fire Again.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 14.—A special from Gardner says a cow kicked over a lantern in the barn of Frank B. Page, two miles from Gardner, yesterday morning, starting a fire that destroyed the building, fifteen head of cattle, thirty tons of hay and farming implements and entailing a loss of \$3,500. The barn was built in 1776.

Brother of Mayor Johnson Dead.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 14.—William L. Johnson of Detroit, Mich., brother of Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, is dead here from hemorrhage. Mayor Johnson was at his brother's bedside and has accompanied the widow and daughter with the body to Brooklyn for burial.

Horse Thief Killed Himself.

ELWOOD, Ind., Dec. 14.—John Haskett, aged twenty-seven, killed himself at the home of his brother in Aroma to avoid capture for stealing a horse and buggy. Five minutes after his death the officers arrived. He had been pursued throughout the night.

Warship Flora Off the Rocks.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 14.—The British warship Flora has arrived at Esquimalt for repairs, necessary as a result of her stranding at Village point.

LOUISIANA'S PURCHASE.

Research in French Archives Brings Out Interesting Records.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Under the authority of M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, E. Spencer Pratt, former United States minister to Persia, is making extensive researches in the archives of the foreign office relative to the transfer of the province of Louisiana by France to the United States. The investigation has brought to light all the circumstantial details of the transaction, including the confidential letters of the French minister at Washington advising his government as to the various stages of the negotiations and the letters and documents signed by President Jefferson and Secretary of State Madison. Many of these have hitherto been unavailable owing to the rules of the foreign office, which have prevented the copying of documents in the archives.

In speaking of his investigations Mr. Pratt said:

"One of the most curious documents found is an autograph letter of Louis XV. giving away the vast Louisiana territory to his cousin, then king of Spain, as a present. The fact of this gift has heretofore been known only in a general way, but the text of the letter discloses the casual nature of the gift and also the fact that Louis XV. previously offered Louisiana to Great Britain, which refused to accept it."

"The letter of the king of Spain accepting the present refers to the further strengthening of the union of the two nations by a number of royal intermarriages. Later documents show the recession of Louisiana by Spain to France and give minute details of the sale by Napoleon of the province to the United States."

Sheriff Caught a Thief.

GALENA, Kan., Dec. 14.—Charles Rain, sheriff of Cherokee county, was held up and robbed in the depot at Baxter Springs, Kan., by Clarence Cunningham, an escaped prisoner from the Columbia (Mo.) jail, after he had placed Cunningham under arrest. Having recognized Cunningham, the sheriff followed him into the depot and ordered him to surrender. Cunningham did not move, but a confederate at his side immediately pointed a revolver at the sheriff, who thereupon threw up his hands. Rain was relieved of his watch, revolver and money. Cunningham and his companion then robbed the station agent, took a team of horses and a buggy from a livery stable and escaped.

Five Killed on Baltimore and Ohio.

PIEDMONT, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Five men were killed and several severely injured by the overturning of two engines attached to a heavy Baltimore and Ohio freight train on the seventeen mile grade near this city. While descending the grade the train, to which were attached two engines, left the track. The engines and nearly all of the twenty-four loaded cars tumbled into a deep ravine, carrying the trainmen with them.

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